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SUBJECT: VORSTER EXPRESSES WISH TO REFER TO TRIPARTITE DEMARCHE
DURING HIS MAY 20 SPEECH

REF: CAPE TOWN 0558

1. WHEN BRITISH AMBASSADOR BOTTOMLEY CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER VORSTER THIS AFTERNOON, VORSTER SAID THAT AS PART OF HIS WINDHOEK SPEECH ON MAY 20 HE WOULD LIKE TO USE TRIPARTITE DEMARCHE OF APRIL 22. IN CABLE TO LONDON, BOTTOMLEY HAS REPORTED: "HE SAID THAT EXCEPT FOR OUR REFERENCE TO THE UN HE COULD MEET US PRETTY WELL ON ALL OUR POINTS (I SUSPECT THAT THIS MAY INVOLVE SOME VERBAL CLEVERNESS) AND HE ASSERTED THAT WHAT HE WOULD SAY WOULD SATISFY ALL REASONABLE PEOPLE. THE ONLY SPECIFIC POINT I COULD EXTRACT FROM HIM WAS THAT HE WOULD REITERATE HIS APRIL 21 STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT OF READINESS TO DISCUSS NAMIBIA WITH AFRICAN LEADERS AND WOULD EXTEND IT BY OFFERING TO SEND NAMIBIAN NON-WHITE GROUP LEADERS TO ZAMBIA OR ANY OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRY WHOSE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET THEM."

2. WHEN VORSTER ASKED BOTTOMLEY WHETHER HE COULD PUBLISH BRITISH AIDE MEMOIRE IN THIS WAY, BOTTOMLEY RESPONDED THAT BRITISH

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SHARED RESPONSIBILITY WITH FRENCH AND U.S. GOVERNMENT, IMPLYING

THAT BRITISH WOULD CONFER WITH US AND WITH FRENCH BEFORE RESPONDING.

3. VORSTER SAID HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF BOTTOMLEY COULD HAVE HIS REQUEST "URGENTLY" DISCUSSED AND THAT HE BE INFORMED OF RESULT ON MONDAY, MAY 19 IN TIME FOR FINAL PREPARATION OF HIS WINDHOEK SPEECH. IN HIS CABLE, BOTTOMLEY SAID, "FAILING OUR CONCURRENCE HE WOULD PROBABLY ADDUCE OUR ARGUMENTS SERIATIM ON A MORE OR LESS HYPOTHETICAL BASIS AND GIVE HIS POSITION ON EACH."

4. BOTTOMLEY HAS ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND TOLD FCO HE EXPLAINING POSITION TO FRENCH AND U.S. COLLEAGUES.

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